And now, the Demon Kings will lay low once again.
I've managed to buy myself 10 to 15 years
while they detect the unknown powerhouse capable of annihilating them.

Until then, I must gather powerful human beings once again.
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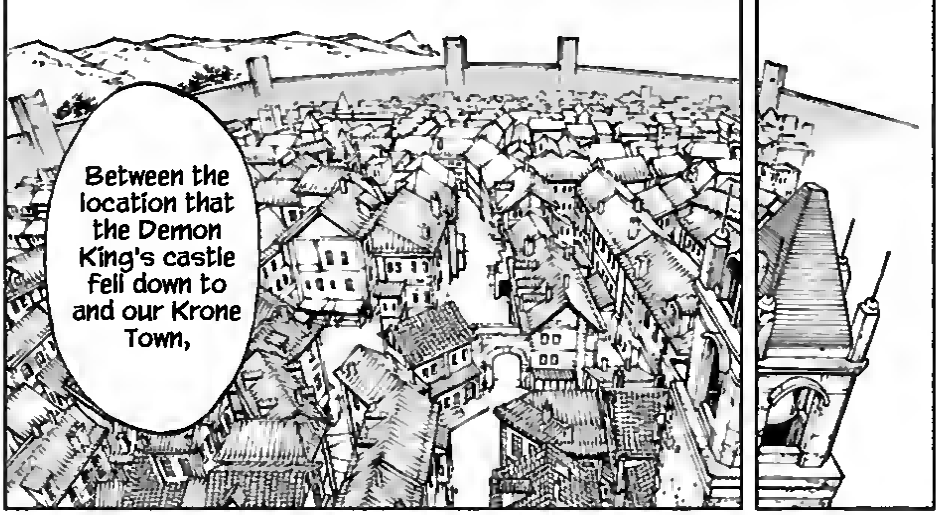
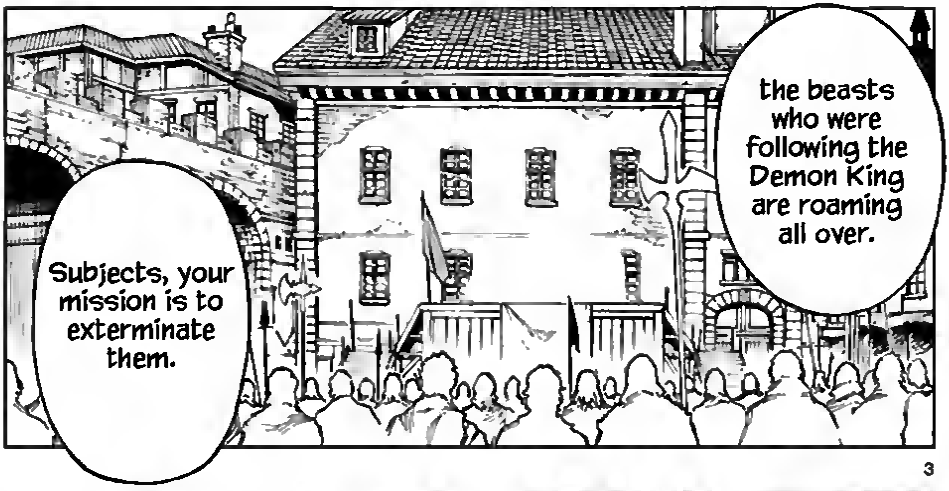

Between the location that the Demon King's castle fell down to and our Krone Town,


the beasts who were following the Demon King are roaming all over.
Subjects, your mission is to exterminate them.

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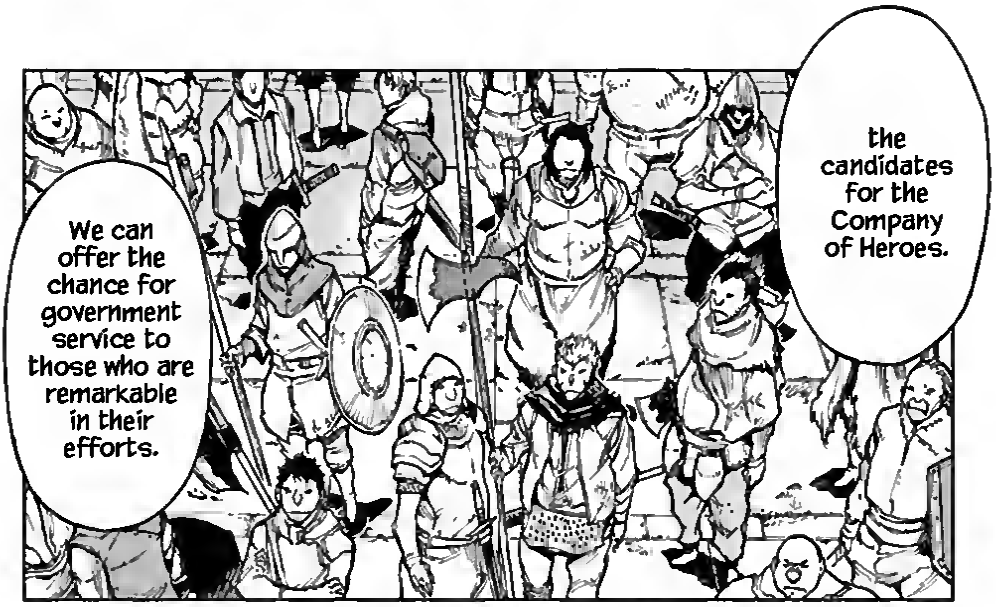
This mission
will be conducted by 100 people from the Third Chivalric Order of the Imperial Capital,
and you people...


the candidates for the Company of Heroes.
We can offer the chance for government service to those who are remarkable in their efforts.

Individually form teams of up to 10 members each and await orders!
At this time, present yourself and look forward to active duty no different from the "Heroes" who fought the Demon King!

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Frankly, one would never anticipate this.
Quite a fair number have assembled, don't you think?

So if they die, there will no longer be a "Company of Heroes" but just "Heroes", huh?

Even kids are joining in.
We're familiar with the southern.
Wanderers who call themselves "free knights."
The majority of them are broke adventurers.
Hehehehe
And, there's even a troublemaker.
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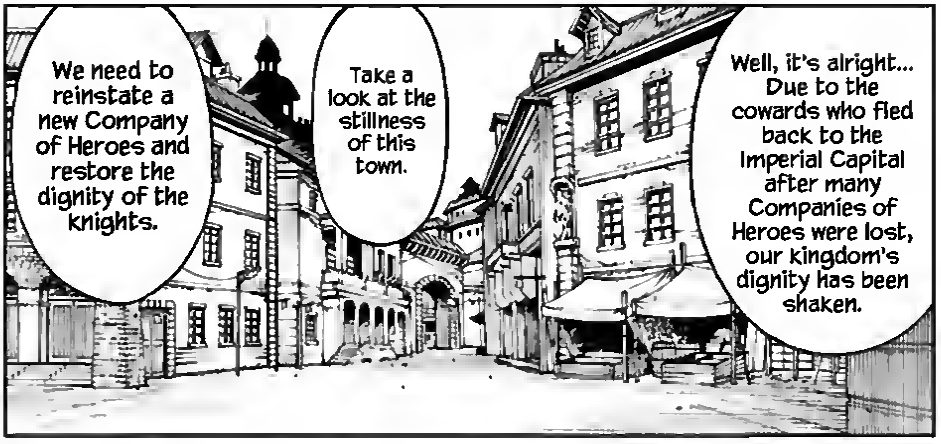
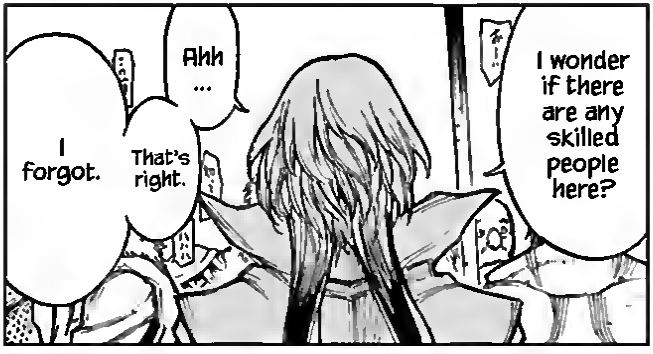
The Comrade Killer, Igor.
Yo- you guys wanna work together?
What the, this old man ...
No thanks, we're already set...

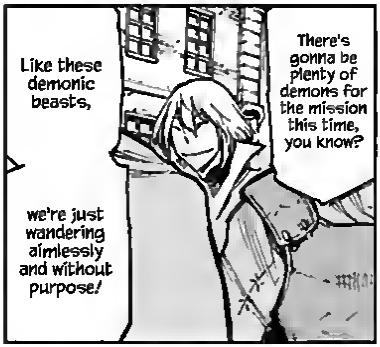
16 years ago, he fought as a private on the battlefield in the North, but...
His party was driven into a predicament
and he was exiled on suspicions that he used his comrades as decoys for his escape.
The battlefield to the North, hm? It's a fierce warzone there, isn't it?
So he's quite capable then.


We need to reinstate a new Company of Heroes and restore the dignity of the knights.
Take a look at the stillness of this town.
Well, it's alright... Due to the cowards who fled back to the Imperial Capital after many Companies of Heroes were lost, our kingdom's dignity has been shaken.


I wonder if there are any skilled people here?
Ahh...
That's right.
I forgot.

Well now,

We'll have good pay if we're in government service!
I don't care if it's the Demon King or whatever though!
Hahaha
I'm gonna run out of money before something like that arrives!


Like these demonic beasts,
There's gonna be plenty of demons for the mission this time, you know?
we're just wandering aimlessly and without purpose!

Smile.
I need to give off a friendly impression without showing any hostility.

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You haven't found anyone to group up with yet, have you?

Hey!
You!

Ha ha ha ha ha!
Yeah...
Not good enough
Let's group up!
Maybe this was a pointless visit.

Fu fu fu-
I'm Yomi of the Gale Sword!
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Fu-

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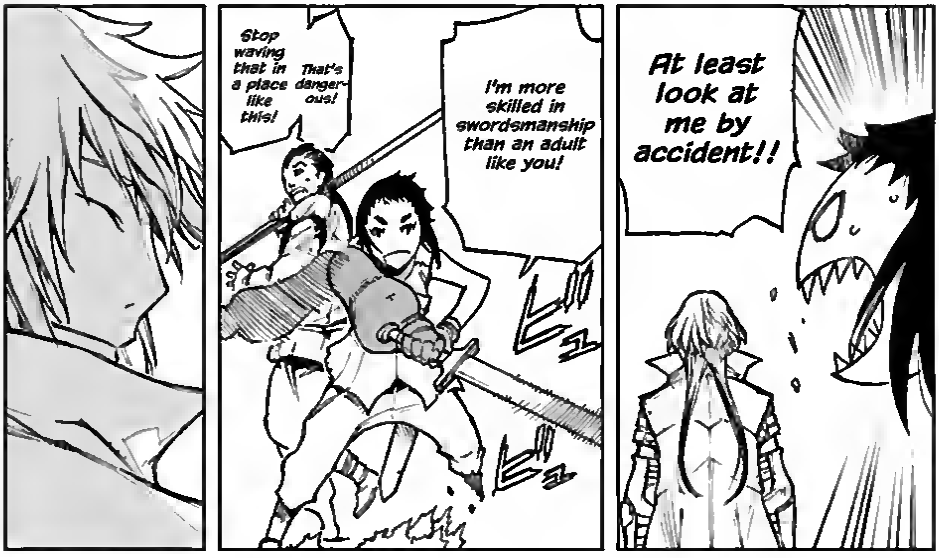
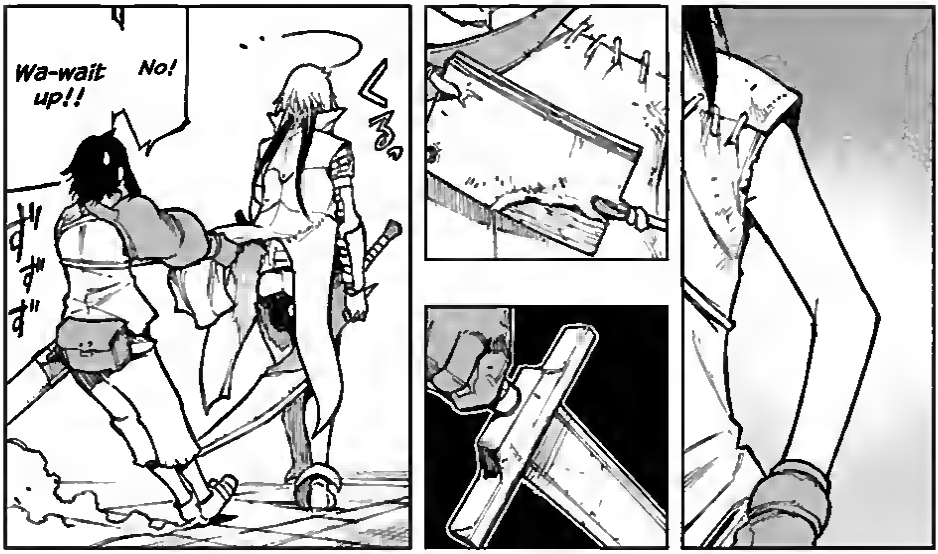

Stop waving that in a place like this!
That's danger-ous!
I'm more skilled in swordsmanship than an adult like you!
At least look at me by accident!!


Wa-wait up!!
No!
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Heyyy~ Please!! I've lost my job because of the Demon King.
Everyone thinks I'm a kid and won't accept me as a comrade.

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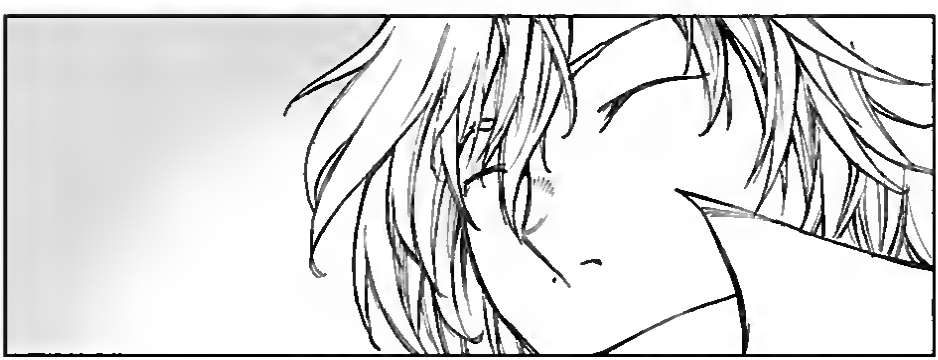
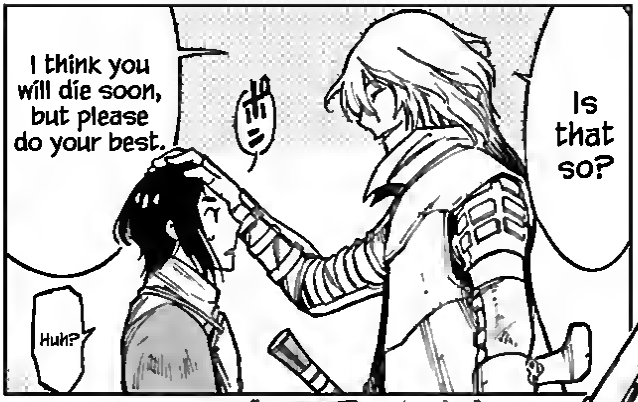
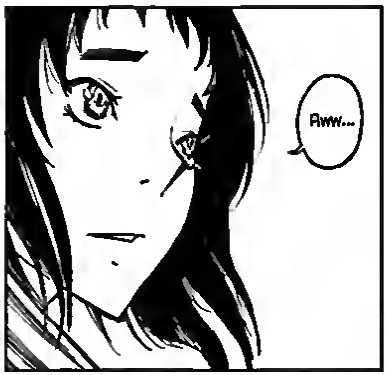



I think you will die soon, but please do your best.
Is that so?
Huh?

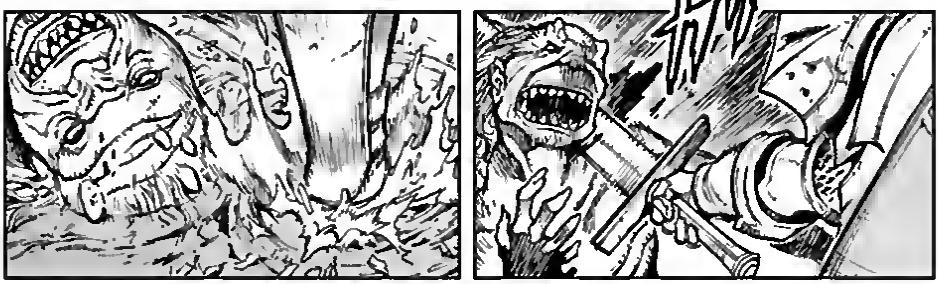
I think I'll join up with them.
Heeey!
How nice. They've got an aura about them.
Oh!
Who_!?


Aww...

Hm?

My name's Yomi!
Ar- are you a girl?
Arya~? Old Man, were you left out too?
We're starting the operation now!
Teams one through five will head north along the east ridge,
and teams six through ten will be deployed at the west bank.

Everyone else will move with our main force.



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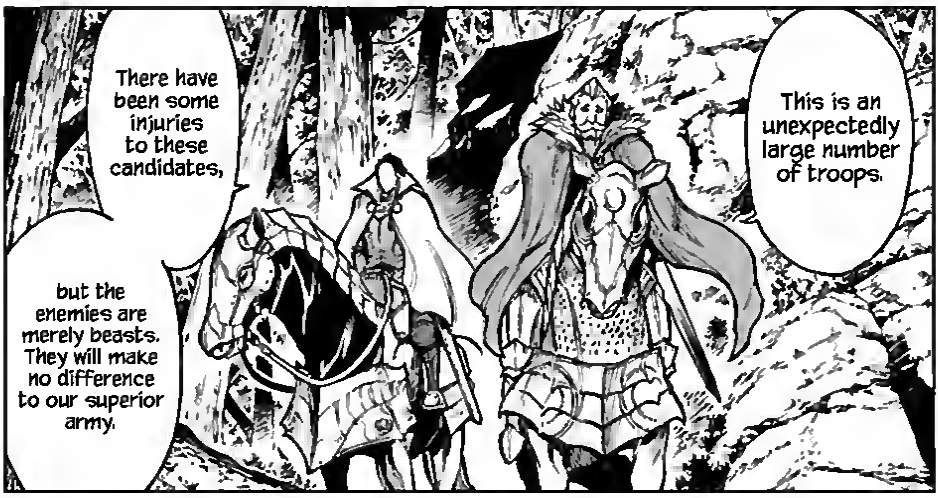
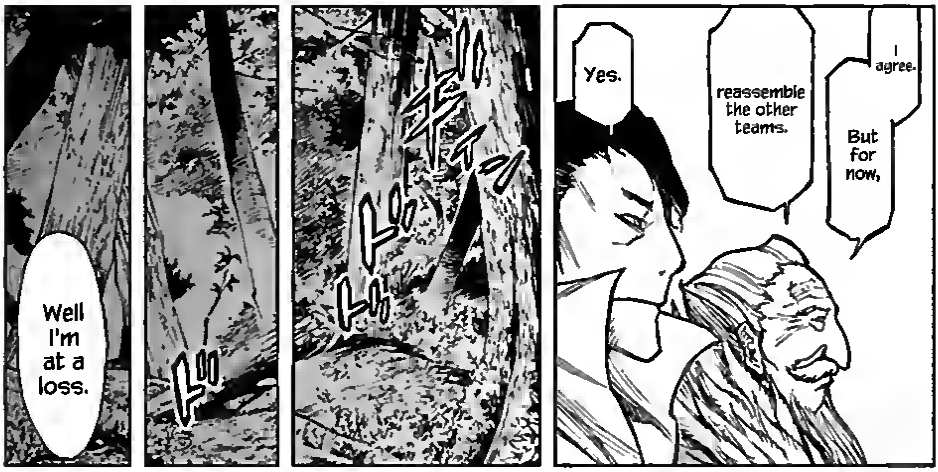
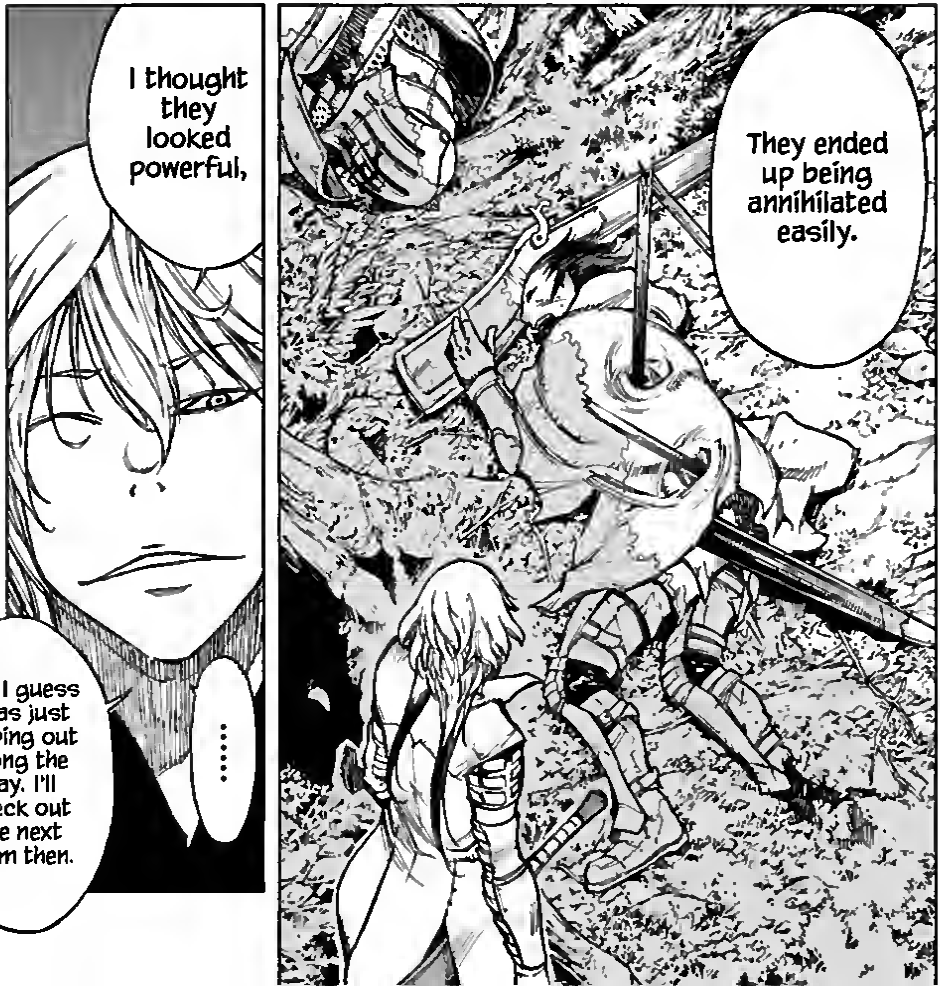

This is an unexpectedly large number of troops.
There have been some injuries to these candidates,
but the enemies are merely beasts. They will make no difference to our superior army.


Well I'm at a loss.
Yes.
I agree.
reassemble the other teams.
But for now,


I thought they looked powerful,
They ended up being annihilated easily.
but I guess I was just helping out along the way. I'll check out the next team then.
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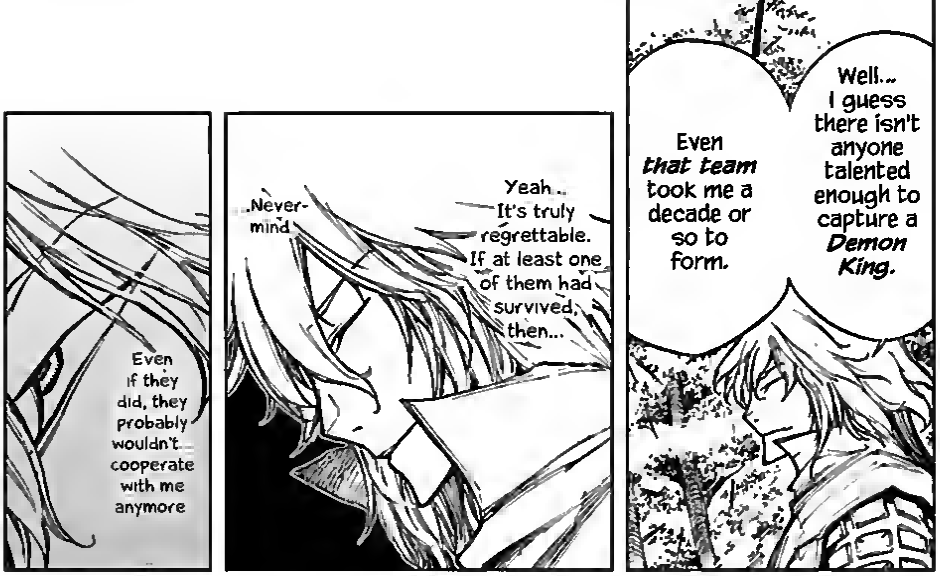
Even if they did, they probably wouldn't cooperate with me anymore
...Never-mind
Yeah... It's truly regrettable. If at least one of them had survived, then...
Even *that team* took me a decade or so to form.
Well... I guess there isn't anyone talented enough to capture a *Demon King*.

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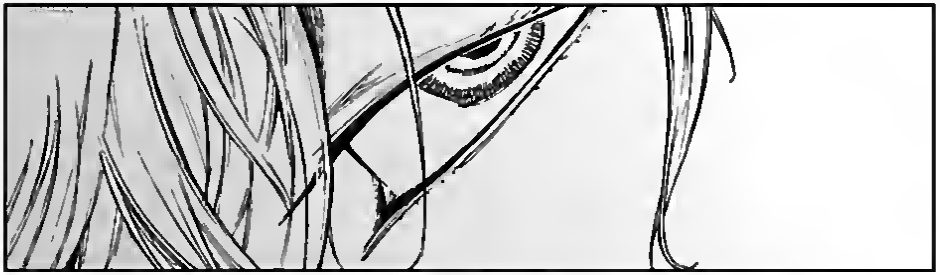

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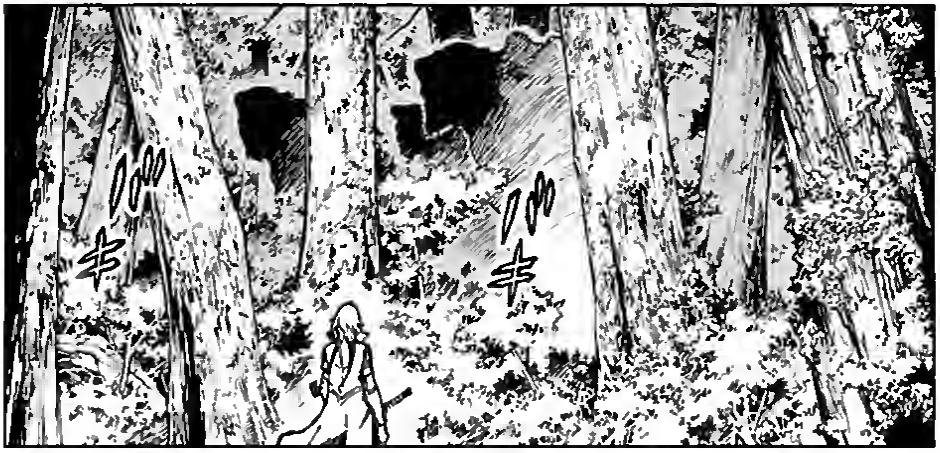
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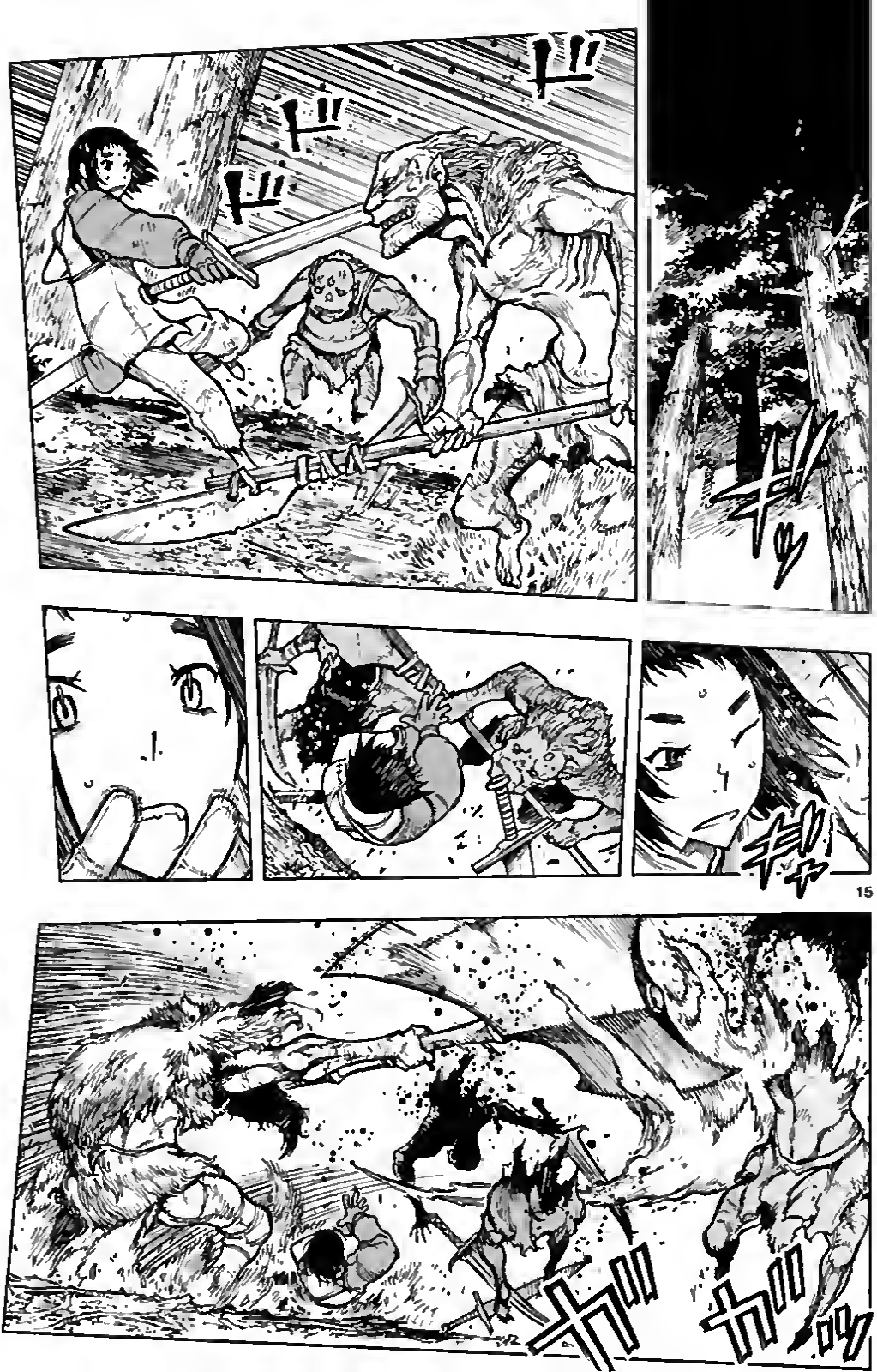
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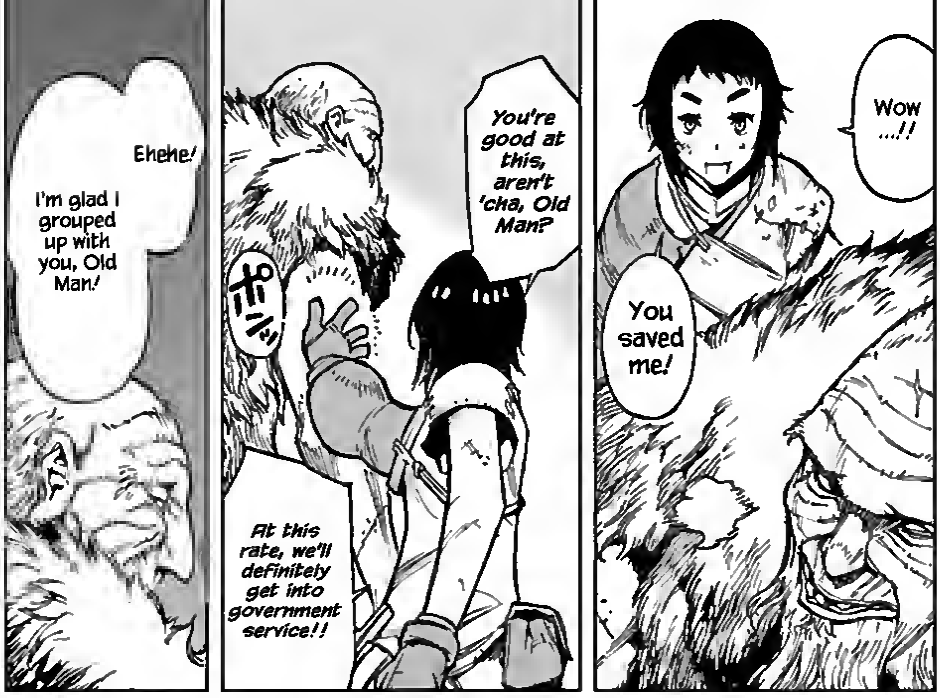
Ehehe!
I'm glad I grouped up with you, Old Man!
You're good at this, aren't 'cha, Old Man?
At this rate, we'll definitely get into government service!!
Wow ...!!
You saved me!

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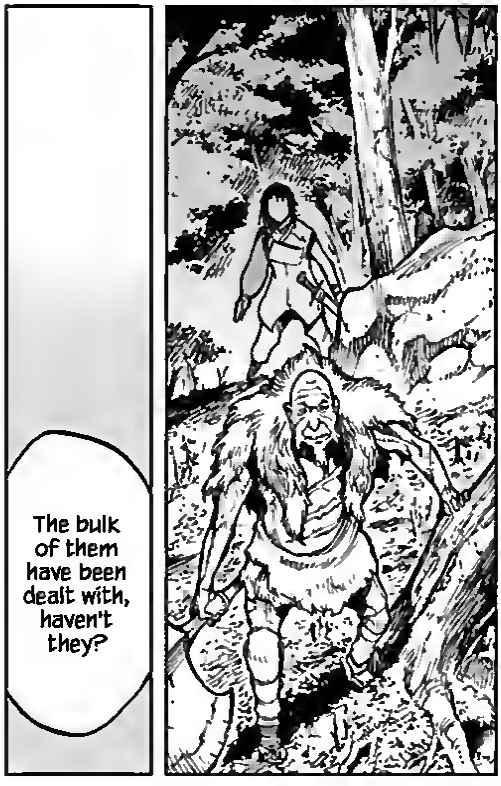
The bulk of them have been dealt with, haven't they?

Oh...

Yeah.
Let us fall back to the outside of the forest until sunset.
The soldiers are gathering as well.
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Yo-you've got it wrong... That's a troll.

Didn't you say there wouldn't be any!?
A... a demon !!?

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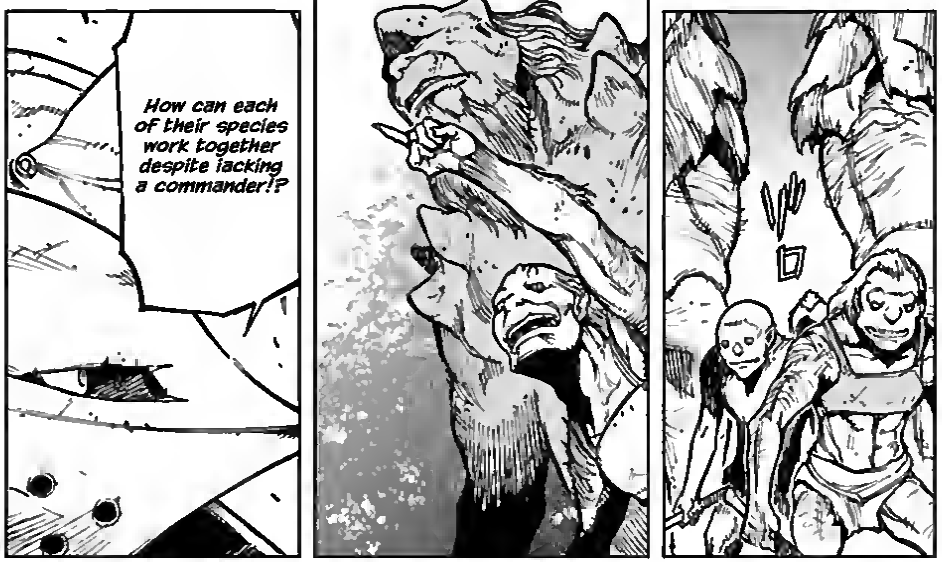
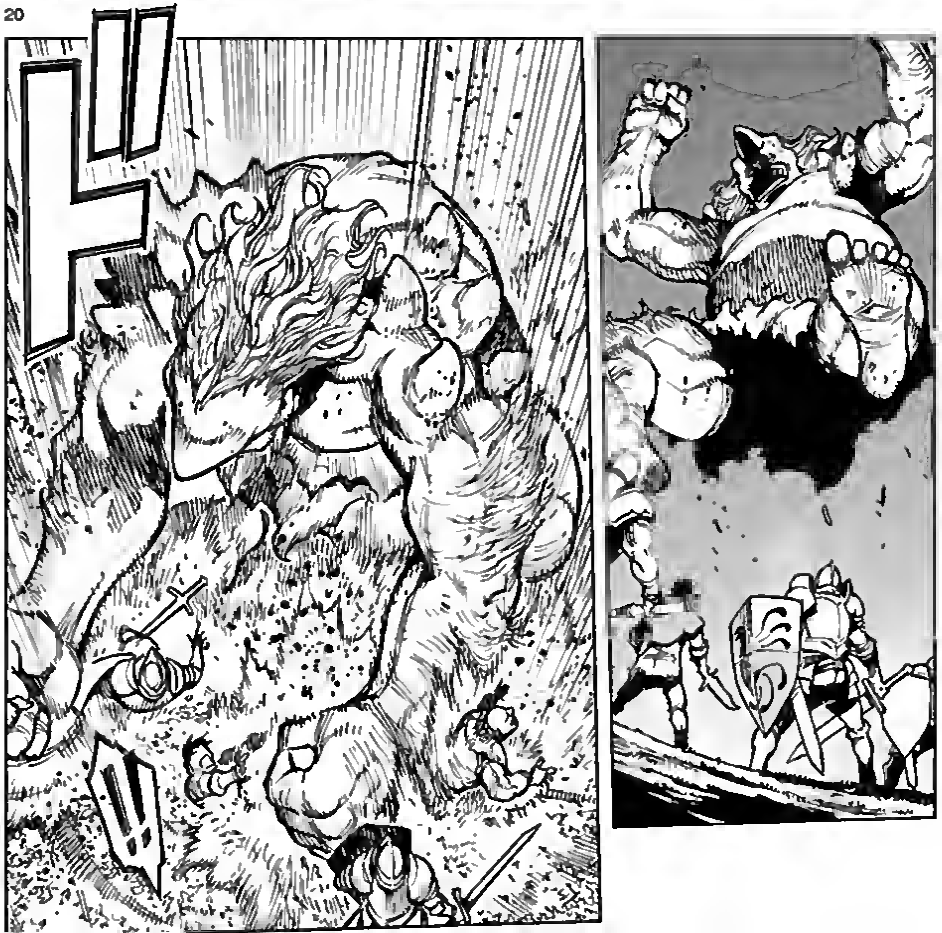
Resume stance!!
Wh-what the!? I've never seen a troll before!
It's futile ...
This is bad, we're all just amateurs...
We're surrounded ...!!!


How can each of their species work together despite lacking a commander!?



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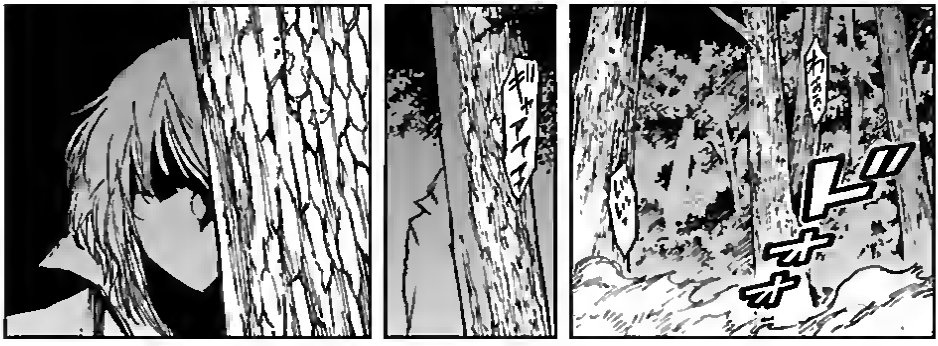
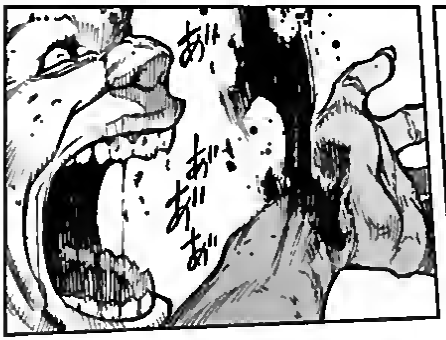


I wonder if there's someone at least talented enough to fight against trolls?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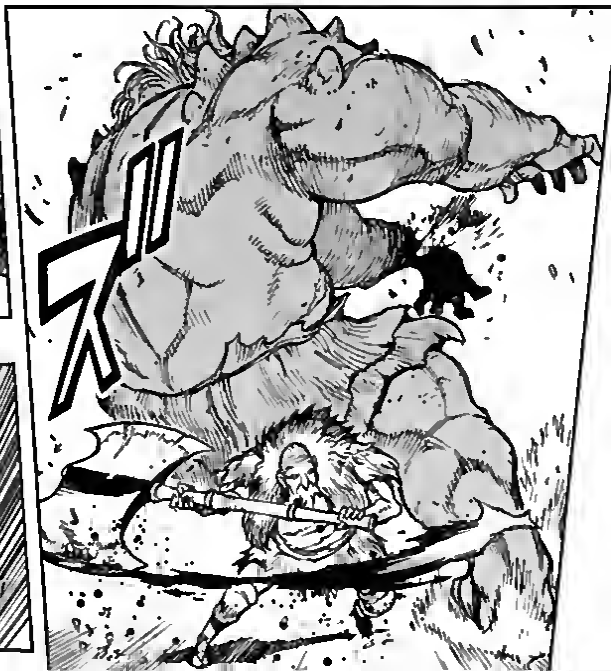

Wh...
what do we do...

We ... we must run
or we'll be killed !!
But, everyone's still...!!
He's pretty good.
If he polishes his skills further, he'll shine.
However, it's unfortunate.

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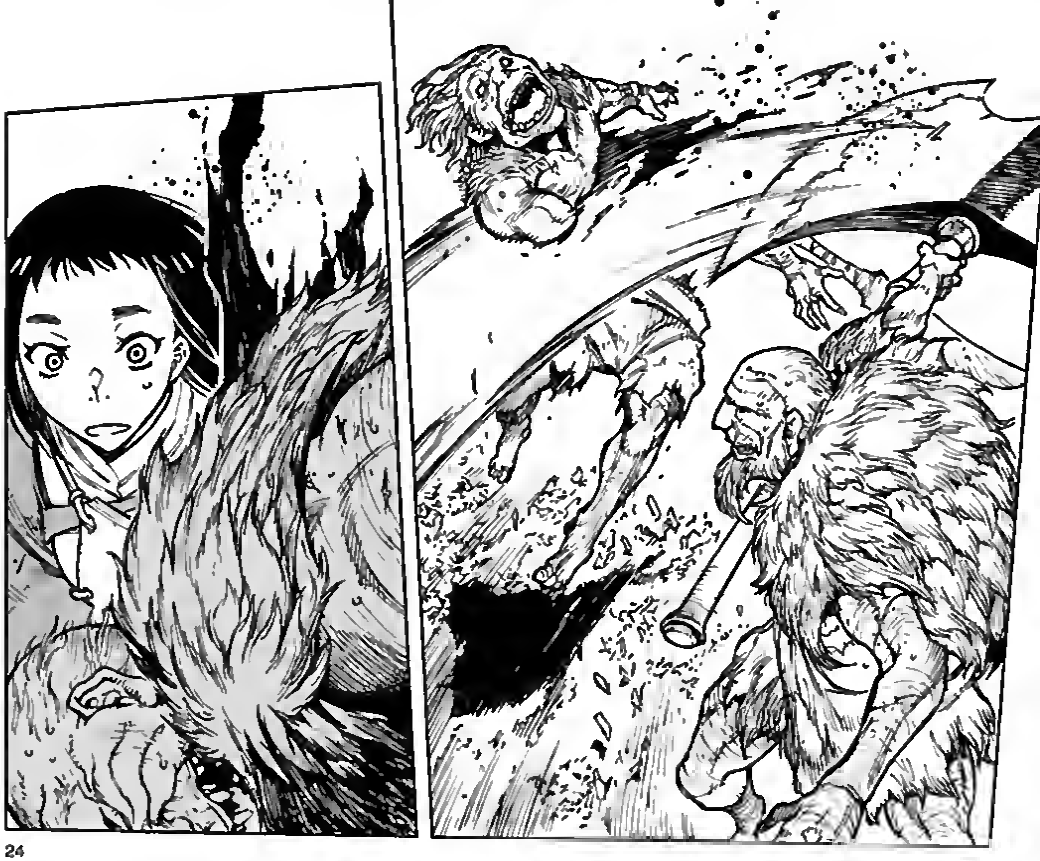
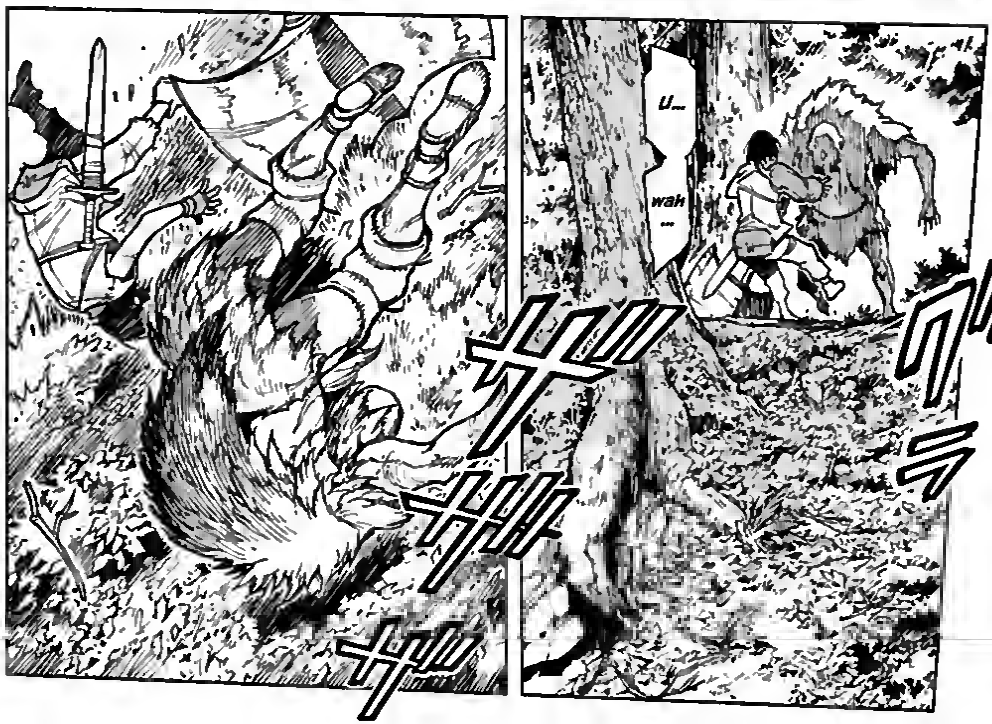
At that age, he only needs another 10 years before he turns too old to fight.

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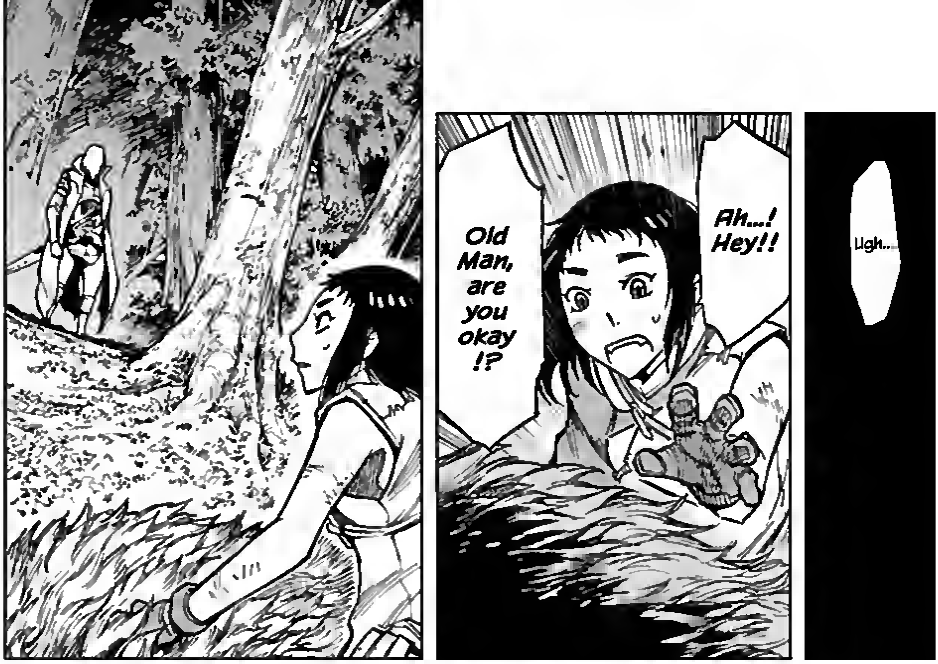
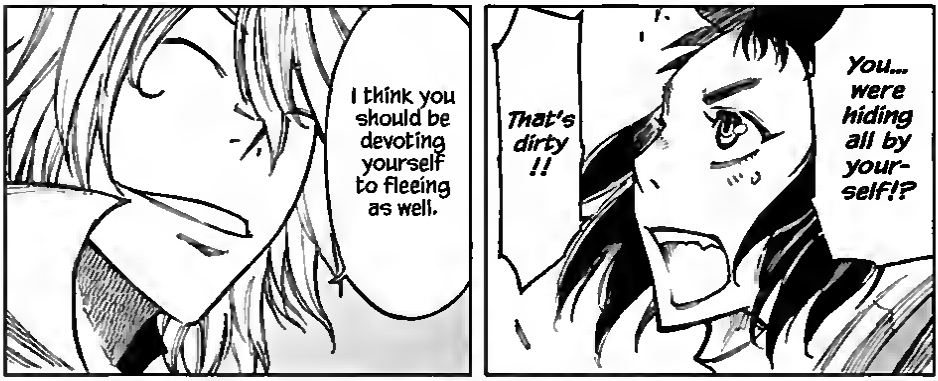

Old Man, are you okay !?
Ah...! Hey!!
Ugh...


I think you should be devoting yourself to fleeing as well.
That's dirty !!
You... were hiding all by yourself!?

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But even if you returned, the circumstances of the battle wouldn't change.
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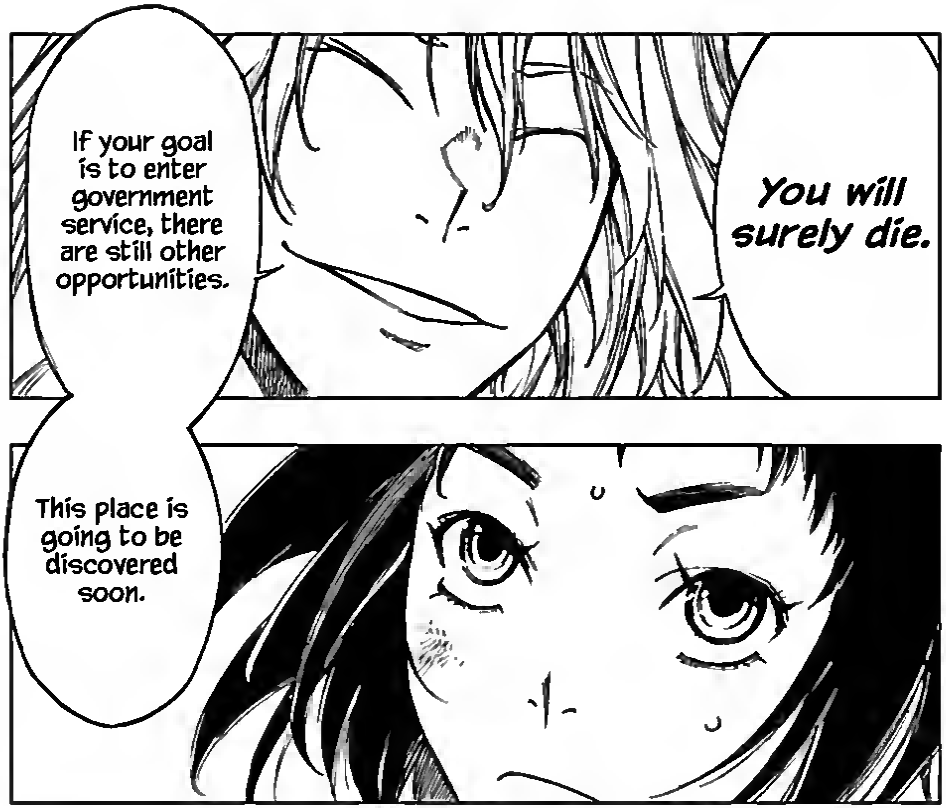
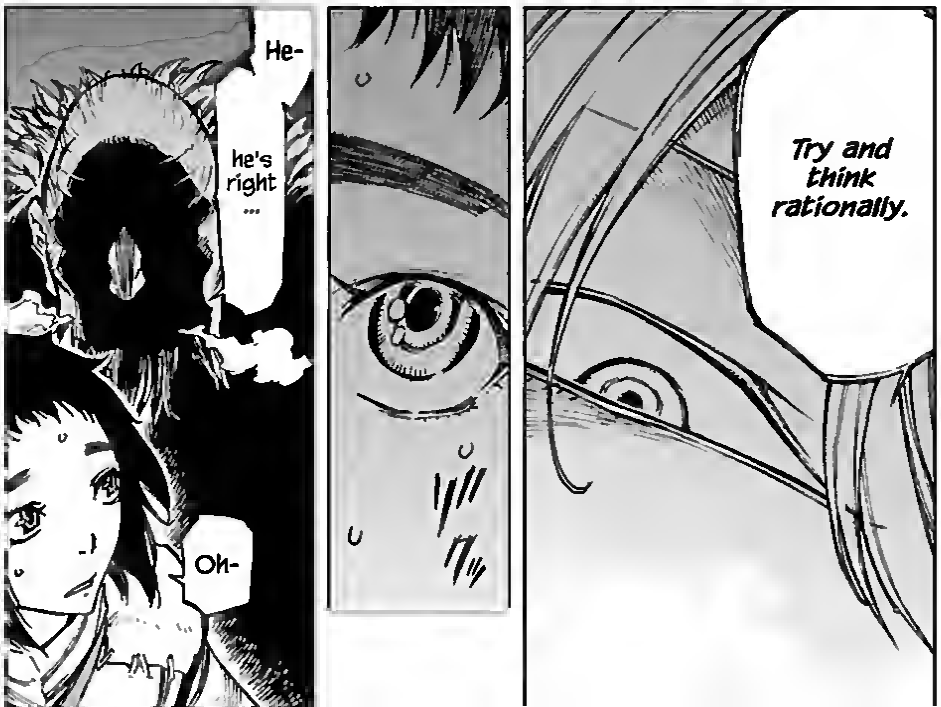
And there are still others alive!
I can't just leave this man here!!
What are you saying !?


If your goal is to enter government service, there are still other opportunities.
You will surely die.
This place is going to be discovered soon.


He-
he's right ...
Oh-
Try and think rationally.

Ye-
yeah ...
As long as you've got bait,
you can buy time to run.

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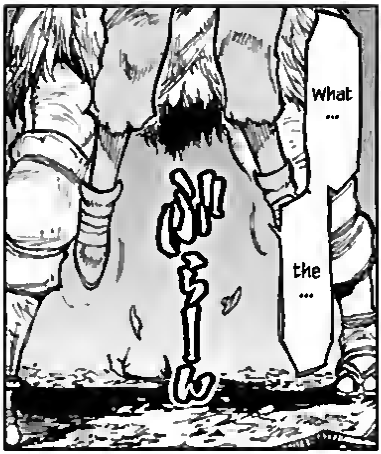
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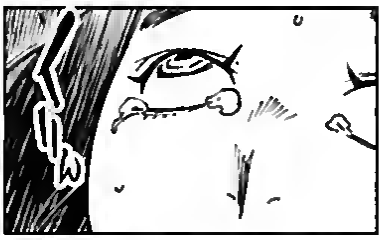
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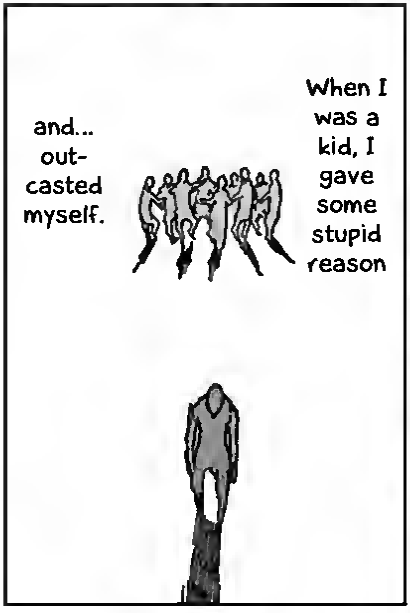
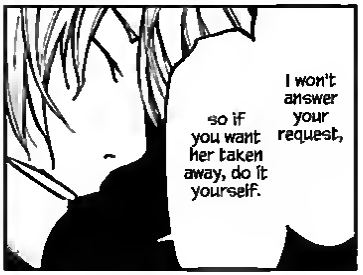
Why me?
I... I'll keep them occupied.
Take this girl a... away.


When I was a kid, I gave some stupid reason
and... out-casted myself.

I-
I'm in this shape, so...

In the midst
you are walking around completely unharmed.
of this chaos,


I won't answer your request,
so if you want her taken away, do it yourself.

Yeah, well I'm still not answering you.
Today, I was able to speak honestly after such a long time.
After you go,
there's a chance I'll leave on my own, you know?
Well, lots of stuff are coming out of you, so...
I've... reached my limits.
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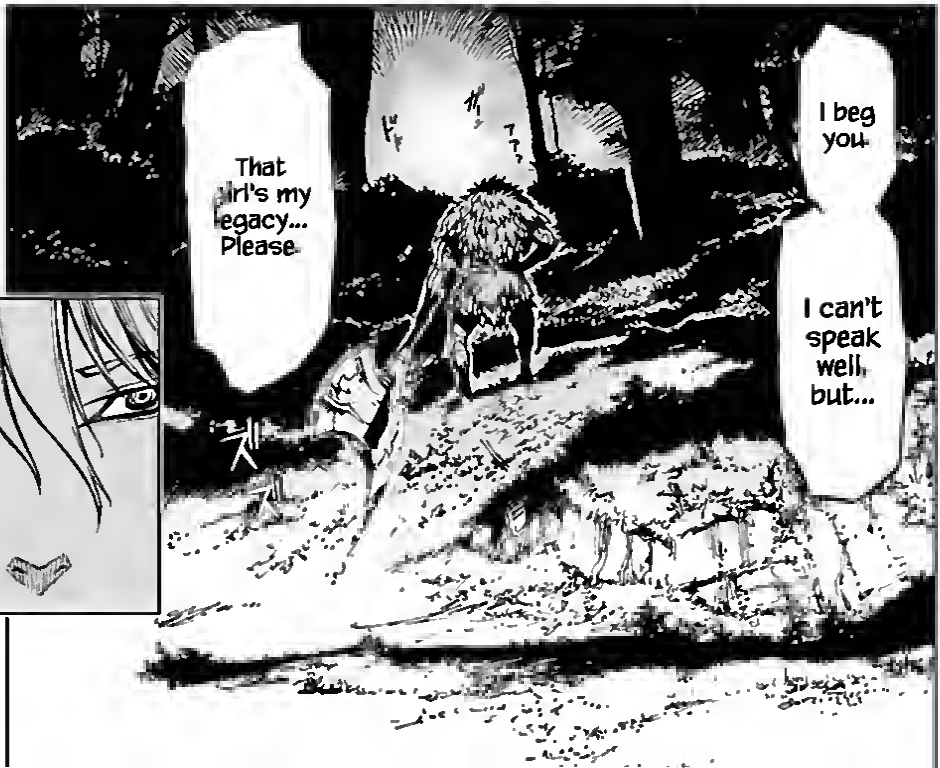
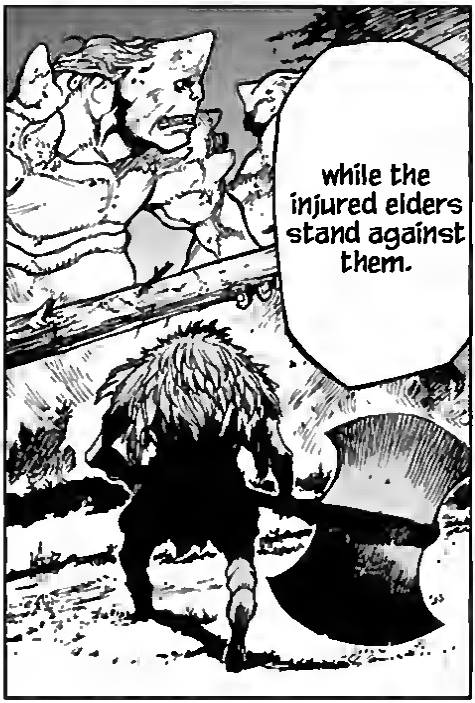
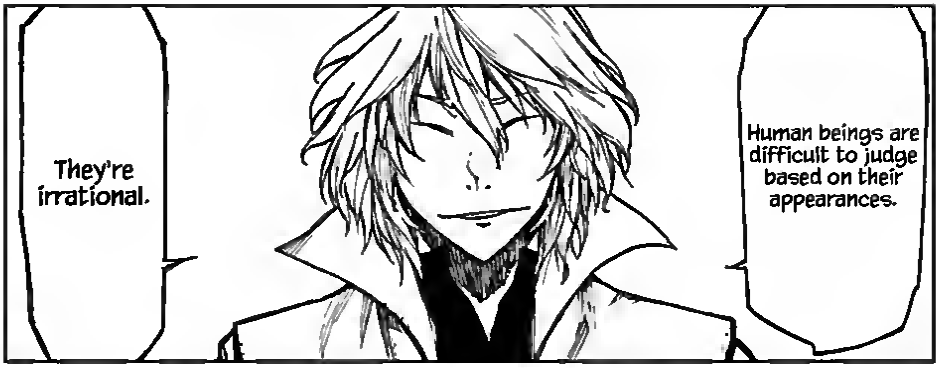

That girl's my legacy... Please.
I beg you.
I can't speak well, but...


while the injured elders stand against them.

So the ones donning magnificent armour flee


They're irrational.
Human beings are difficult to judge based on their appearances.

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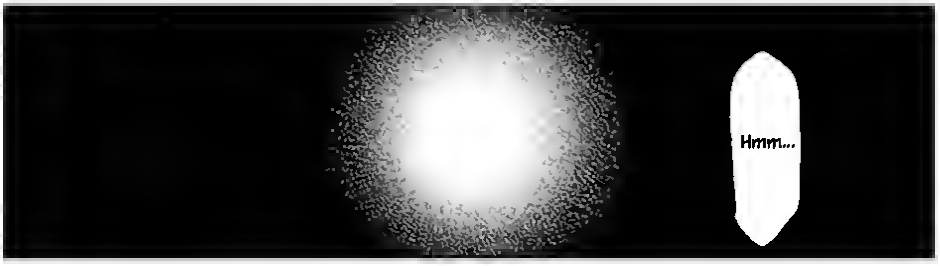
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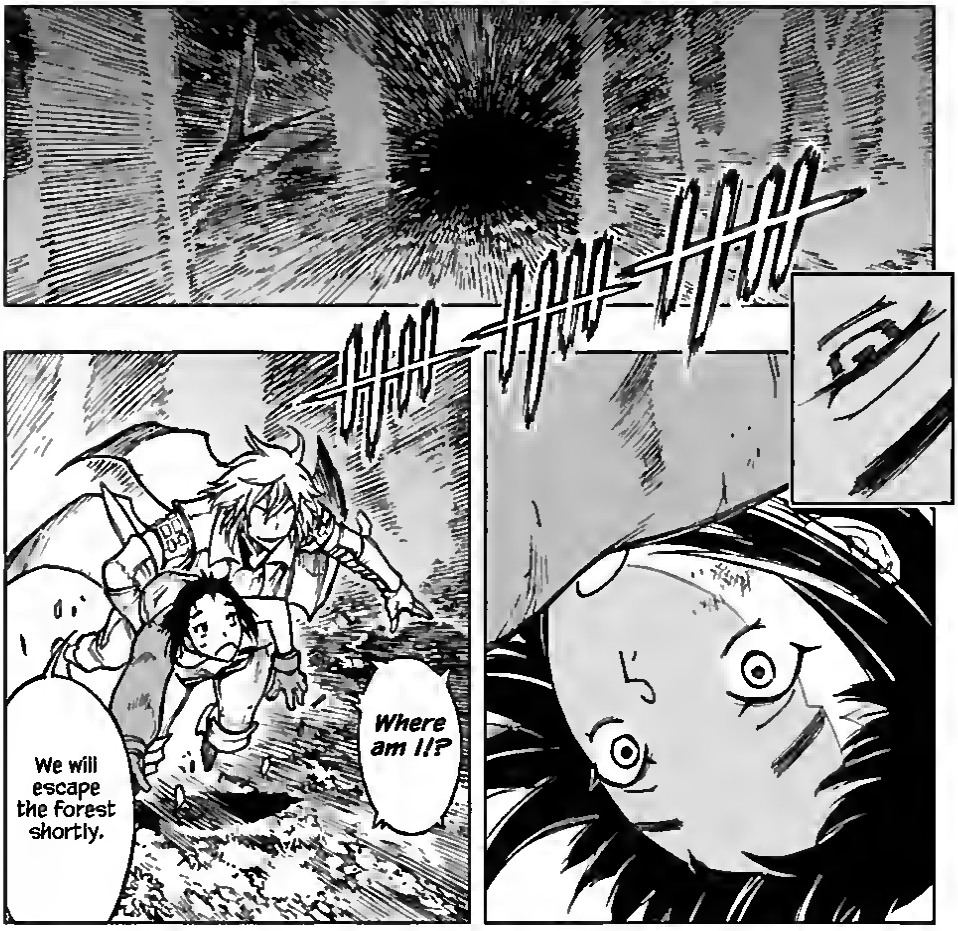
Where am I!?
We will escape the forest shortly.

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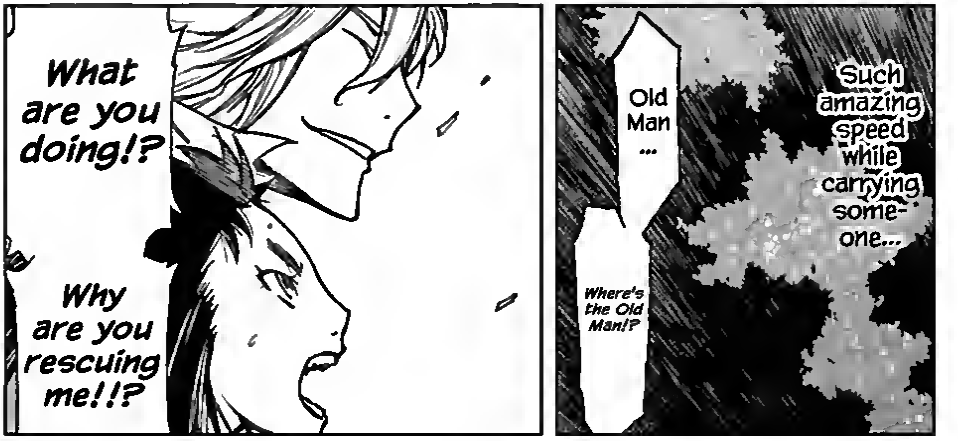
What are you doing!?
Why are you rescuing me!!?
Old Man ...
Where's the Old Man!?
Such amazing speed while carrying someone...

Let ...
let me go!!
Who... knows?
Sure.

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Ow...
You stopped too suddenly-
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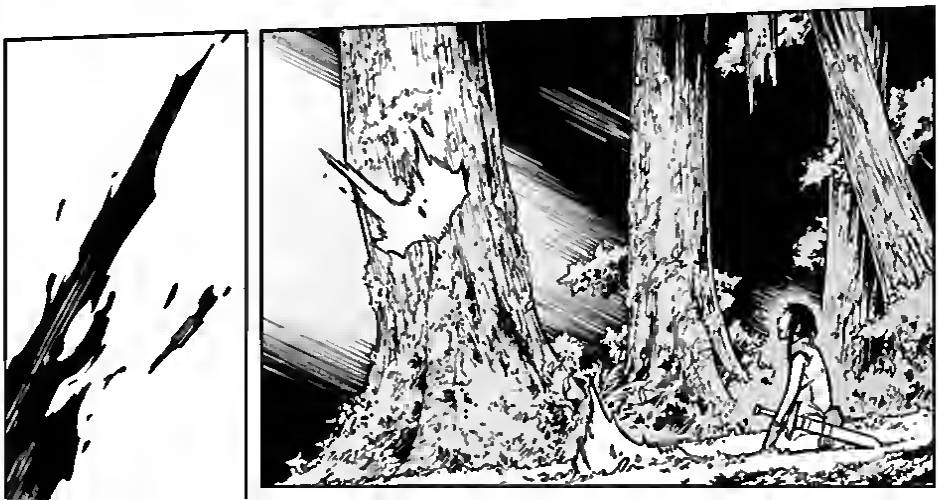

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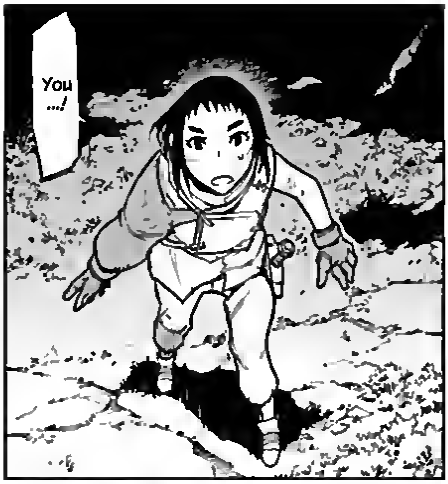
You ...!

If you were that powerful,
we could've managed earlier somehow-

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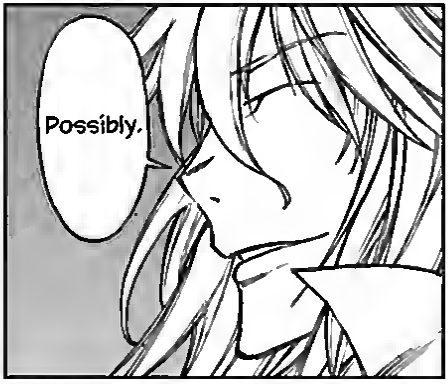
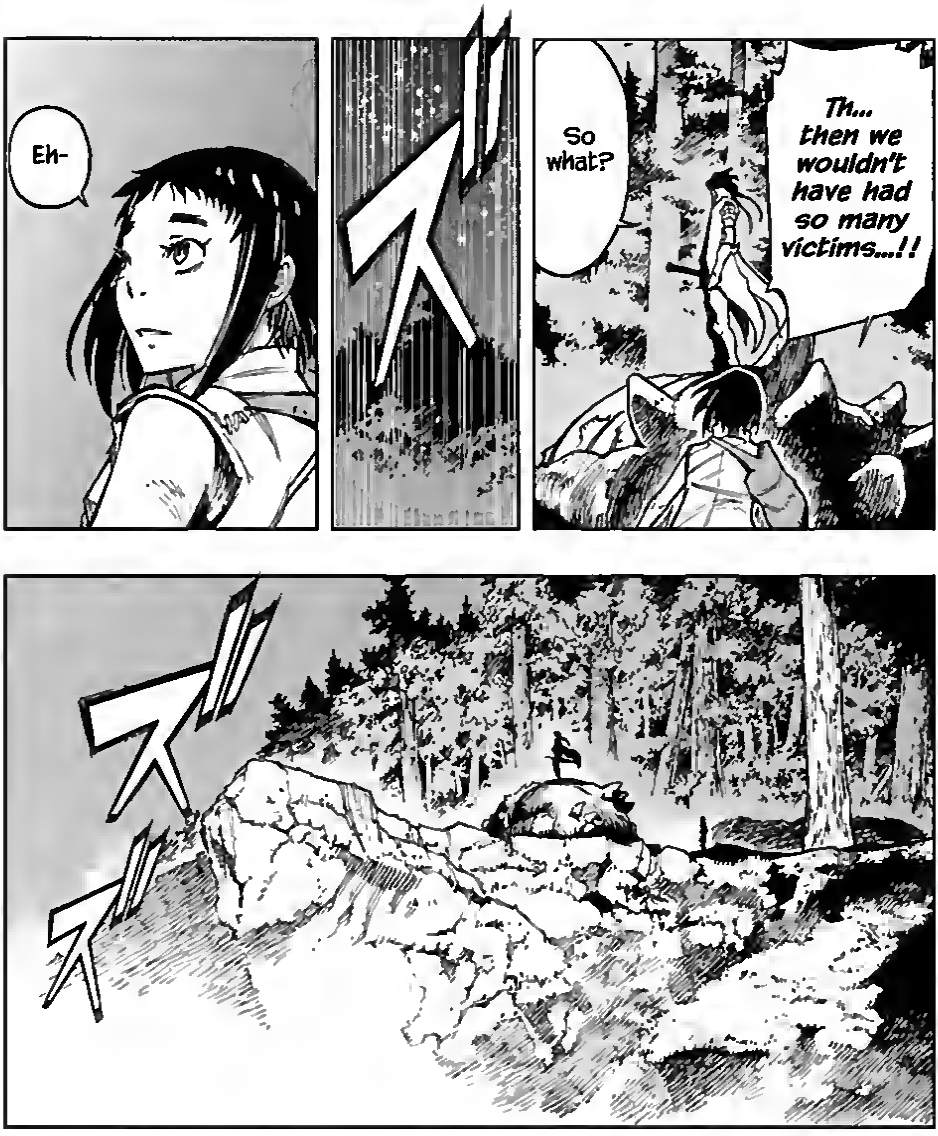

Possibly.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So what?
Th... then we wouldn't have had so many victims...!!

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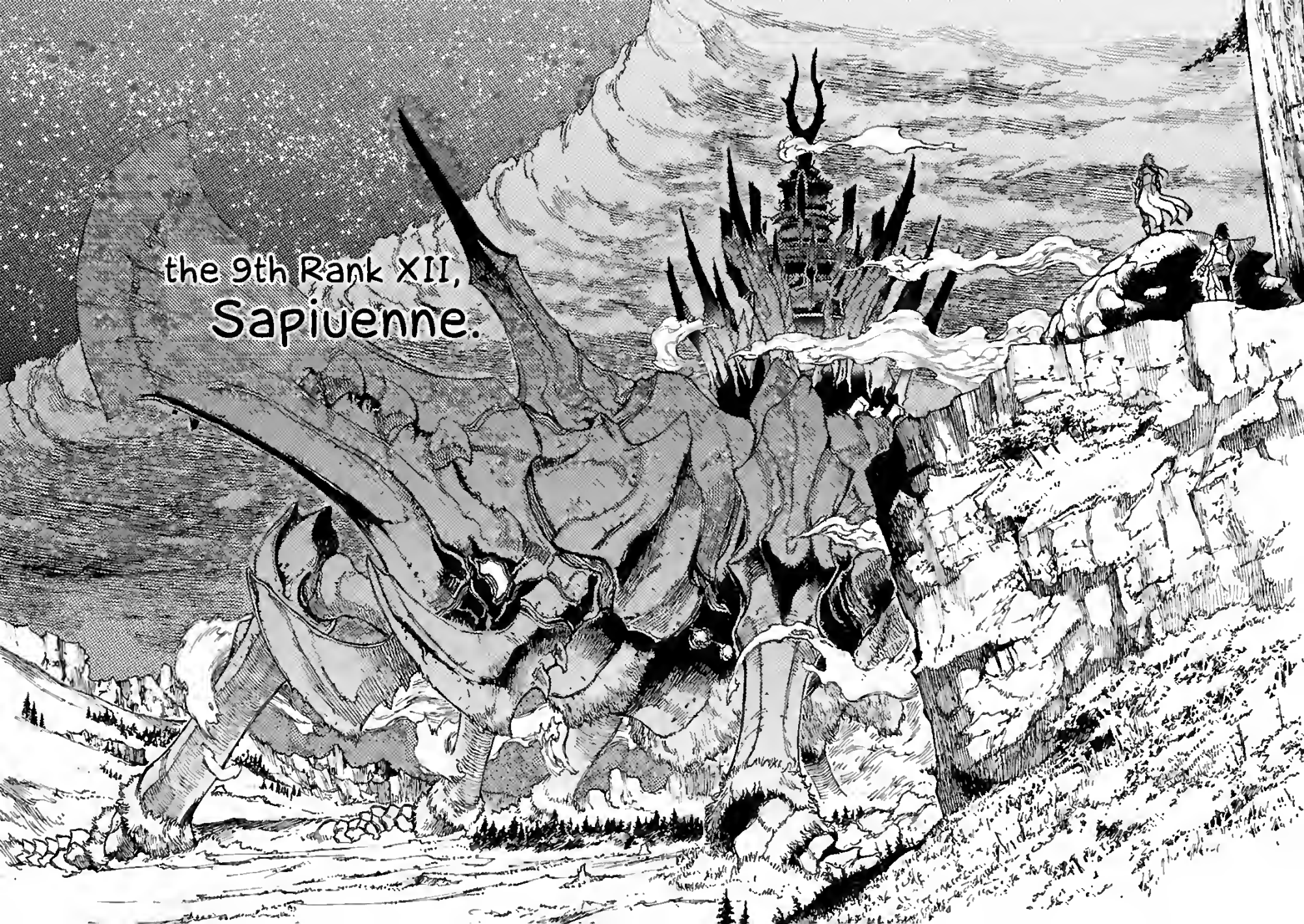
We're looking at
One way or another, it would've been annihilation.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